

What is claimed is:

1. An electrical connector, comprising:

an elongated dielectric housing comprising a base and a mating portion, the mating portion comprising a pair of sidewalls extending generally in a longitudinal direction thereof and a pair of end walls extending generally in a lateral direction thereof;

a plurality of terminals received in the insulative housing; and

a pair of shields enclosing the mating portion, each of the shields comprising a flat body attached to one of the sidewalls and a wing attached to one of the end walls.

2. The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein the wings of the shields join to each other to form a closed loop between the shields.

3. The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein each of the shields comprises a plurality of spring tabs extending outwardly from the body.

4. The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a plurality of spaced notches in the sidewalls and the end walls, and wherein each of shields comprises a plurality of spaced latches extending inwardly and downwardly from the flat body thereof and the wings and engaging with the notches of the sidewalls and the end walls.

5. The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein the base defines a plurality of slots and wherein the flat body and the wings comprise bottom edges received in the slots, respectively.

6. The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein the wing comprises a grounding tail extending downwardly through the base and beyond the housing.

7. The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein the pair of end walls and the pair of sidewalls together define a continuous slit extending downwardly from a top thereof and wherein the flat body and the wings are received in the slit of the

sidewall and end wall.

8. The electrical connector of claim 7, wherein the housing defines a pair of spaced trenches on outside surfaces of the sidewalls, respectively, and communicating with the slit of the sidewall and wherein each of the shields comprises a pair of connect portions received in the trenches.

9. The electrical connector of claim 8, wherein the sidewalls define a plurality of grooves of inside surface thereof and communicating with the slit of the sidewalls and wherein each of the shields comprises a plurality of engage portions exposed in the groove of the sidewall.

10. The electrical connector of claim 9, wherein the housing comprises a split extending downwardly through the base and communicating with the trench, and wherein each of the shields comprises a grounding tail received in the split.

11. A connector assembly, comprising:

a first connector comprising a first dielectric housing including a base and a mating portion extending from the base, a plurality of terminals received in the first housing, and a pair of first shields juxtaposed against an outside surface of the mating portion, lower portions of the first shields being disposed in the base; and

a second connector comprising a second dielectric housing including a second base and a second mating portion extending from the second base, a plurality of terminals received in the second housing and a pair of second shields, the second base and the second mating portion defining a continuous slit receiving the second shields therein.

12. An electrical connector assembly comprising:

a first connector comprising a first dielectric housing including a first base and a first mating portion extending from the first base, a plurality of first terminals received in the first housing, and a pair of metallic shields stamped from sheet metal and juxtaposed against an outside surface of the first mating portion; and

a second connector comprising a second dielectric housing including a second base and a second mating portion extending from the second base, a plurality of second terminals received in the second housing; wherein

when said first connector and said second connector are mated with each other, the pair of metallic shields are circumferentially enclosed in the second mating portion.

13. The assembly of claim 12, wherein said pair of metallic shields are identical with each other and commonly symmetrically surround the first mating portion.